(b) whether there is also a proposal to maintain an All India Register which will contain names and other particulars of non-Indian persons living in India; and

(c) by when the work on these two Registers is likely to commence and the estimated time frame for their completion?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal for compulsory registration of all citizens/ non-citizens and to issue Identity Cards to all citizens of 14 years and above. The details in this regard are being worked out.

In addition persons below 14 years are proposed to be compulsorily registered under the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969.

Fencing on the Indo-Bangladesh Border

391. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a decision was taken by Government for border fencing on the Indo-Bangladesh border in Tripura in order to prevent infiltration of foreign nationals and to prevent free movement of the extremists along the international border;

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard; and

(c) by when the work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Additional Forces for Tripura

392. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Tripura has requested Government for deployment of additional forces in the State in view of the activities of the extremist groups;

(b) if so, whether Government are sending additional forces to the State; and

(c) the time frame by when the additional forces will reach the State?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The levels of deployment of security forces in various parts of the country, *inter alia*, depend upon the overall security scenario as well as the availability of the forces. The situation is kept under constant review. Security forces have been deployed in Tripura to maintain public order and curb insurgency. The request of the State Government for additional forces has been noted.

Naxalite activities in certain States

393. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Naxalite activities are going on at high pitch in Andhra Pradesh and adjacent States;

(b) whether a proposal to utilise services of unmanned aircraft to contain the naxalite menace has been thought of in the joint meeting of the Chief Minister's of the concerned States; and

(c) if so, the present stage of this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI) : (a) As per available reports, the Left Wing extremist violence in Andhra Pradesh and Orissa has shown a decline in 1998 (upto October, 1998) as compared to the corresponding period of 1997. However, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra have witnessed some increase this year (upto October 1998) as compared to the corresponding period of 1997.

(b) Yes, Sir.